THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) In the Statement laid in Parliament on 31st May, 1990 it is mentioned that presently, 836 items have been reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector. Efforts would be made to identify more items amenable to similar reservation.

(b) Consumer goods are being manufactured both by small scale and large scale undertakings including multi-national companies. However, if an industrial undertaking other than a small scale industrial undertaking was manufacturing any consumer goods reserved for exclusive development in the small scale sector prior to the date of reservation of that item, it can continue to manufacture the item after getting the productive capacity endorsed in the industrial licence or registration certificate, as the case may be as per the specified condition. Such capacity in the licence/registration is pegged at the best production level achieved by that undertaking in the three years preceding the date of reservation of the item.

(c) In the statement laid in Parliament on 31st May, 1990, Government has outlined various measures for promotion of small scale and Agro based Industries. These measures are for re-orienting industrial growth to serve objectives of employment generation, dispersal of industries in rural areas and to enhance the contribution of the small scale industries to exports.

Proposal to delicence photographic materials

1398. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hindustan Photo Film Manufacturing Company, a Public Sector Undertaking has arbitarily increased the prices of black and white and colour films and paper, medical X-Ray films, graphic art films and cine films ;

(b) whether in view of monopoly of HPF in the manufacture of photographic material, Government propose to delicence the photographic material ; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) Due to increase in raw material costs, exchange rate variation, increase in overheads etc. HPF had to revise the selling price of graphic art Films, Roll Films, Cine Colour Films, X-ray Films etc. with effect from 31-3-1990.

(b) and (c) Apart from HPF, other firms are also undertaking manufacture/conversion of Photo sensitised goods. At present, there is no move to delicense the photo sensitised goods industry as letters of intent/licences have been issued to various parties for integrated manufacture of X-ray films, graphic art films and Cine films.

Maintenance of cost data of products by companies

1399. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the products for which cost data is being maintained by companies ; and

(b) what is the policy with regard to sharing of this information with research institutions ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) Products in respect of which cost